

A. Mark each statement **T** (True) or **F** (False). If a statement is *false*, write the word or words that make it true on the lines below.

1. Canada is the most water-rich nation on Earth. True
2. Canadians waste very little water. False
3. Just over one billion people worldwide don't have clean drinking water. True  
y
4. The average person needs between 200 and 400 litres of water a day for drinking and sanitation. False

B)

1. Describe a healthy river's normal seasonal flow pattern.

Normally, rivers have seasonal flow patterns. High water levels occur in the spring when melting snow flows into the river. Low levels occur during winter freezes or summer **droughts**.

2. According to the WWF-Canada report, what is changing the normal flow of many rivers? Include specific examples in your response.

Not according to a report released in late October. "Rivers at Risk," by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada, says that many of our major rivers are under threat. Our river ecosystems are in trouble, and so is our water supply.

3. For what reasons might these changes to rivers' normal flow be a problem?

The reason why the river's normal flow be a problem because Researchers say we are putting too heavy a demand on our rivers. We use river water for everything from generating electricity to irrigating crops, running factories, and quenching our thirst. This use is increasing as the population grows. And it's upsetting rivers' flow.

4. What do the study's authors say can be done to ensure healthy rivers for future generations?

Climate change will only make these problems worse because as the temperature's rise the demand for water will increase and river levels will drop even further. The solution according the report is for governments to work together and protect rivers. Cooperative efforts can make a difference but so can individuals. Try to conserve water the actions we all take today will help our rivers be healthy for future generations.